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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

G.G. Marck & Associates, Inc.,
Plaintiff,
v.
James Peng, Photo U.S.A.
Corporation, North American
Investments Corp., and Photo USA
Electronic Graphic, Inc.,
Defendants.

Case No. C 07 80222 MISC

**MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND
AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF
G.G. MARCK'S MOTION TO
COMPEL DEFENDANTS'
DEPOSITIONS (DEBTOR
EXAMINATIONS) AND
PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

DATE: April 25, 2008
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
JUDGE: Hon. Jeffrey White

1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 G. G. Marck & Associates seeks an order compelling judgment debtors
 3 James Peng, Photo U.S.A. Corporation, and North American Investments
 4 Corporation to appear for depositions. G.G. Marck has a \$1.5 million judgment
 5 against Peng and his companies, Photo U.S.A. Corporation, North American
 6 Investments Corporation, which was entered by the United States District Court for
 7 the Northern District of Ohio.

8 Last winter, G. G. Marck properly registered its judgment here and served
 9 deposition notices on Peng and his companies (collectively “Peng”) as part of an
 10 effort to locate and identify Peng’s assets for collection.

11 Peng first asked to postpone these depositions, which G. G. Marck agreed to
 12 do. Then, at the eleventh hour, Peng claimed he was out of the county, too ill to
 13 travel, and that none of the depositions could proceed. G. G. Marck was skeptical
 14 of this, but instead of proceeding immediately with motion practice came to an
 15 agreement with Peng’s counsel: Peng agreed (in principle) to a stipulated order
 16 providing that (i) Peng would appear for deposition on or before a date certain; and
 17 (ii) Peng would produce documents at least five days before his deposition.

18 G. G. Marck prepared a proposed stipulation and order based on the parties’
 19 agreement, but Peng’s counsel has not responded to that proposed order, to G.G.
 20 Marck’s phone calls, or to letters. Consequently, G. G. Marck had no option but to
 21 seek the Court’s assistance.

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23 **II. ATTEMPTS TO AVOID MOTION PRACTICE**

24 G.G. Marck has made repeated attempts to schedule Peng’s depositions
 25 without court intervention. Peng’s counsel has agreed that Peng will appear, but
 26 has not followed through on that agreement. Indeed, since Mid-February 2008,
 27 Peng’s counsel has entirely ceased responding to communications. (Commissio

1 Decl. ¶¶ 12-15.)

2 Last November, G. G. Marck served deposition notices setting Peng's
 3 depositions for the week of December 17, 2007. (Comisso Decl. ¶ 2.) After
 4 speaking with Peng's counsel on December 10, 2007, the depositions were re-
 5 scheduled for January 29-31, 2008 to accommodate Peng's schedule. (Comisso
 6 Decl. ¶¶ 3-7.) But a week before depositions, Peng's counsel sent G.G. Marck a
 7 letter stating that Mr. Peng was in the People's Republic of China and too ill to
 8 travel to the United States for his deposition. (Comisso Decl. ¶ 8.)

9 On January 28, 2008, counsel for the parties discussed rescheduling Peng's
 10 depositions. (Comisso Decl. ¶ 9.) Because Peng was not expected back in the
 11 United States until early February, counsel agreed to wait until then to set specific
 12 dates. Nevertheless, G.G. Marck asked for, and Peng's counsel agreed to, a
 13 stipulation and order to be submitted to this Court that provided that Peng would be
 14 appear for deposition and that he would produce documents five days before his
 15 deposition. (Comisso Decl. ¶¶ 9-10.)

16 Between January 28 and February 8, 2008, counsel for the parties traded
 17 messages about depositions, but never actually spoke. On February 8, 2008,.
 18 Peng's counsel left a message agreeing that the proposed stipulation should set a
 19 deadline for the completion of Peng's depositions instead of setting specific dates.
 20 (Comisso Decl. ¶ 10.) Between February 8 and 19, 2008, G.G. Marck tried to
 21 contact Peng's counsel by phone but was not successful. (Comisso Decl. ¶¶ 11-
 22 12.)

23 On February 19, 2008, G.G. Marck's counsel sent a proposed stipulation and
 24 order scheduling the debtor examinations. (Comisso Decl. ¶ 13.) To date, there
 25 has been no response from defense counsel to this proposed stipulation and order.
 26 (Comisso Decl. ¶¶ 14-15.)

27 On February 26, 2008, G.G. Marck's counsel sent Peng's counsel a facsimile
 28 informing him of G.G. Marck's plan to seek court intervention unless Peng

1 responded on or before February 27, 2008. (Comisso Decl. ¶ 15.) Peng did not
2 respond.

3 **III. DISCUSSION**

4 Rule 69 allows a judgment creditor, like G. G. Marck, to obtain discovery
5 from “any person—including the judgment debtor—as provided in these rules. . . .”
6 Rule 30 permits oral deposition of any person and any private corporation. G.G.
7 Marck has issued deposition notices and a demand for the production of documents
8 to Peng, Photo U.S.A. Corporation, and North American Investments Corporation.
9 The defendants have failed and refused to appear. Consequently, under Rule 37, G.
10 G. Marck is entitled to an order compelling Peng, Photo U.S.A. Corporation, and
11 North American Investments Corporation to appear.

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1 **IV. CONCLUSION**

2 G.G. Marck respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion and order
 3 Peng, Photo U.S.A. Corporation, and North American Investments Corporation to
 4 appear for depositions on or before a date certain and to produce documents at least
 5 five court days before their depositions. After all, Peng, Photo U.S.A. Corporation,
 6 and North American Investments Corporation have agreed to appear; have agreed
 7 to produce documents before their depositions, and have agreed in principle to an
 8 order to this effect. Moreover, because there is no excuse for Peng, Photo U.S.A.
 9 Corporation, or North American Investments Corporation failure to appear or to
 10 respond to communications from G. G. Marck, the Court should further order them
 11 to reimburse G. G. Marck for part of its costs in making this motion.

12 Dated: March 7, 2008

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct. Executed on March 7, 2008, at San Francisco, California.

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